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# S. 2368

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 1955

Mr. SMATHERS (for Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

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## A BILL

To add a new title relating to real property management to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

1     *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2     *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3     That the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act  
4     of 1949, as amended, is further amended by inserting after  
5     section 210 thereof the following new title:

6     “TITLE IIA—REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

7                     “DECLARATION OF POLICY

8     “SEC. 220. The Congress hereby declares that the fol-  
9     lowing provisions of this title are necessary to provide for

1 the more effective and efficient management of real property  
2 owned or leased by the United States.

3 "RESPONSIBILITY FOR REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

4 "SEC. 221. (a) Except as hereinafter provided in this  
5 title, on and after sixty days after this title takes effect, the  
6 Administrator shall have complete authority and responsi-  
7 bility with respect to the management of all real property  
8 owned or leased by the United States and presently managed  
9 by any executive agency, including all matters relating to  
10 the acquisition, inventory, maintenance, repair, alteration,  
11 protection, inspection, and disposal of such real property.  
12 In connection therewith, the Administrator is authorized to  
13 establish such standards, prescribe such regulations, and pre-  
14 pare and issue such manuals and procedures for the guidance  
15 of executive agencies as he deems necessary. The Admin-  
16 istrator is further authorized to provide for periodic inspec-  
17 tions to determine the extent to which executive agencies  
18 have complied with the standards, regulations, manuals, and  
19 procedures established, prescribed, or issued by him in con-  
20 nection with the management of such real property, and in  
21 the event of the failure of any executive agency to comply  
22 therewith, the Administrator is authorized to request the  
23 President to issue a directive or take such other action as  
24 he deems necessary to assure such compliance.

25 "(b) It shall also be the responsibility of the Admin-

1    istrator to develop and establish a long-range policy with a  
2    view to accomplishing the following general objectives in  
3    connection with the management of public buildings—

4           “(1) the gradual consolidation of the office space  
5       occupied by executive agencies in large urban centers  
6       into a fewer number of buildings, thereby increasing the  
7       ratio of net usable space to gross area, and increasing the  
8       flexibility of the assignment of such office space;

9           “(2) the gradual improvement of the quality of the  
10      office space occupied by executive agencies, to the extent  
11      that such improvement is consistent with economy, in  
12      order to improve the morale of Federal employees, re-  
13      duce the turnover in personnel, and increase the efficiency  
14      of Government services; and

15          “(3) the relocation of office space occupied by  
16      executive agencies from high cost areas to other suitable  
17      and less costly areas.

18      “APPROPRIATIONS FOR GENERAL-PURPOSE PUBLIC  
19                                   BUILDINGS

20      “SEC. 222. Hereafter all funds for the operation, mainte-  
21      nance, repair, and alteration of all general-purpose public  
22      buildings owned or leased by the United States shall be  
23      appropriated directly to the General Services Administration  
24      and shall be expended under the direction of the Adminis-  
25      trator; except that in the case of any such buildings owned or

1 leased by the United States in foreign countries the funds for  
2 their operation, maintenance, repair, and alteration shall be  
3 appropriated directly to the Department of State and shall be  
4 expended under the direction of the Secretary of State.

5 "BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

6 "SEC. 223. Hereafter the Administrator shall be respon-  
7 sible for the management of all buildings occupied in whole  
8 or in part by the Post Office Department; except that the  
9 Administrator may delegate to the Post Office Department  
10 the management of any such buildings whenever in his  
11 opinion it is more economical or efficient to do so. All funds  
12 for the operation, maintenance, repair, and alteration of  
13 such buildings shall be appropriated directly to the General  
14 Services Administration and shall be expended under the  
15 direction of the Administrator.

16 "EXEMPTIONS

17 "SEC. 224. All provisions of this Act or of any other  
18 Act of Congress which directly or indirectly exempt any  
19 executive agency from the authority of the General Services  
20 Administration or the Administrator of General Services re-  
21 lating to real property management are hereby repealed,  
22 effective sixty days after this title takes effect; but the  
23 President may by executive order prescribe for any executive  
24 agency such specific exemptions from the authority of the  
25 General Services Administration or the Administrator of

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1 General Services relating to real property management as  
2 he deems to be fully justified in the public interest.

3 “REPEALS

4 “SEC. 225. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with  
5 the provisions of this title are hereby repealed.”

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